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In re application of:

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Application No.: 10/052,905

Filed: November 2, 2001

For: COMBINATION THERAPY
USING
PENTAFLUOROBENZENESULFONA
MIDES AND ANTINEOPLASTIC
AGENTS

Examiner: Frederick F Krass

Art Unit: 1614

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES
REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Election of Species Requirement, mailed February 24, 2003, Applicants elect Compound 2 as the pentafluorobenzenesulfonamide and gemcitabine as the antineoplastic agent. The structure of Compound 2 can be found in Figure 3 and combination results with gemcitabine are provided in Figure 1.

Claims readable on the elected species are 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24 and 25.

Applicants respectfully remind the Examiner that this election of species is for the sole purpose of the Examiner's initial search and examination, and that upon allowance of a generic claim, Applicants are entitled to have all non-elected species encompassed by that claim examined (37 CFR §1.141).

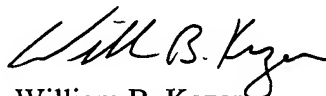
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A preliminary amendment is being submitted concurrently herewith to amend claim 8, inadvertently filed with an incomplete Markush listing of substituents for the Ar group. The specification has also been amended to provide verbatim support for the aryl and heteroaryl substituent -OPO₃H₂.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 925-472-5015.

Respectfully submitted,



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